

# THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNIFORM

January 2007

## MALE OFFICERS

Place the U.S. insignia 5/8 inch above the notch on both collars, with the centerline of the insignia bisecting the notch and parallel to the inside edge of the lapel.

## ALL OFFICERS

Center rank insignia on the shoulder loops 5/8 inch from the outside shoulder seam.

## ALL OFFICERS

Center branch insignia on both lapels 1 1/4 inches below the U.S. insignia, with the centerline of the insignia bisecting the U.S. insignia and parallel to the inside edge of the lapel.

## MALE OFFICERS

A 3/4-inch wide band of black mohair, polyester or mercerized cotton braid will be sewn on each sleeve, with the lower edge parallel to and 3 inches above the bottom edge of each sleeve.

## ALL OFFICERS

Each trouser leg has one black mohair, polyester or mercerized cotton braid running the length of the leg (males 1 1/2 inch, females 1 inch).

## ALL SOLDIERS

Black oxford shoes are authorized for wear.

## ALL SOLDIERS

When combat and special skill badges are worn, center them 1/4 inch above the ribbons. When more than one badge is worn above the ribbons, badges will be stacked 1/2 inch apart and may be aligned to the left to present a better appearance.

## ALL MALES

Center ribbons 1/8 inch above the top of the pocket flap. Third and subsequent rows may be aligned to the left to present a better appearance.

## ALL FEMALES

Center the regimental crest 1/2 inch above the nameplate or 1/4 inch above unit awards and foreign badges, if worn.

## ALL FEMALES

Center the nameplate horizontally on the right side between 1 and 2 inches above the top button. Adjust placement of the nameplate to conform to individual figure differences.

## FEMALE OFFICERS

A 1/2-inch wide band of black mohair, polyester or mercerized cotton braid will be sewn on each sleeve, with the lower edge parallel to and 3 inches above the bottom edge of each sleeve.

## ALL FEMALES

The skirt length will not be more than 1 inch above or 2 inches below the crease in the back of the knee.

## ALL FEMALES

Black service pumps may be worn. The pumps will be plain, with closed toe and heel. The heel will be between 1/2 and 3 inches high.

## FEMALE OFFICERS

Center U.S. insignia on both collars approximately 5/8 inch up from the collar and lapel seam with the center line of the insignia parallel to the inside edge of the lapel.

## ALL FEMALES

Center ribbons on the left side with the bottom row parallel to the bottom edge of the nameplate. Third and subsequent rows may be aligned to the left to present a better appearance.

## ALL MALES

Center regimental crest 1/8 inch above the top of the pocket flap. Wear the crest 1/4 inch above unit awards and foreign badges, if worn.

## ALL SOLDIERS

Center unit awards 1/8 inch above the top of the pocket flap (males), and center unit awards with the bottom edge 1/2 inch above the top of the nameplate (females).

## ALL MALES

Center the nameplate on the flap of the right pocket, between the top of the button and the top of the pocket.

## ALL SOLDIERS

Center leaders identification insignia (1 5/8-inch green cloth loops) on the shoulder loops, underneath the distinctive unit insignia.

## ALL SOLDIERS

Center shoulder-sleeve insignia on the left sleeve 1/2 inch below the top of the shoulder seam. When a special skill or marksmanship tab is worn, the tab is 1/2 inch below the shoulder seam and the insignia is 1/4 inch below the tab. Tabs that are an integral part of an insignia, such as airborne or mountain, are worn directly above the insignia with no space between.

## ALL SOLDIERS

The sleeve will be 1 inch below the bottom of the wrist bone.

## ALL ENLISTED

Place the bottom of the branch insignia disk (approximately 1 inch for males and 5/8" for females) above the notch, centered on the left collar with the centerline of the insignia parallel to the inside edge of the lapel. Place the U.S. insignia disk on the right collar in the same position.

## ALL SOLDIERS

The shoulder-sleeve insignia for former wartime service is worn on the right sleeve according to the same specifications as the shoulder-sleeve insignia worn on the left side.

## ALL ENLISTED

Center rank insignia between the shoulder seam and the elbow on both sleeves.

## ALL SOLDIERS

When worn, center identification badges between the bottom of the pocket flap and the bottom of the pocket (males), or parallel to the waistline of the coat (females).

## ALL SOLDIERS

If authorized for wear, the lower edge of the overseas service bar is 1/4 inch above the right-sleeve braid (officers) and 4 inches above and parallel to the bottom of the sleeve (enlisted). Each additional bar is 1/16 inch above and parallel to the preceding bar.

## ALL ENLISTED

Center distinctive unit insignia on the shoulder loops, an equal distance from the outside shoulder seam and the outside edge of the button, with the base of the unit crest pointed toward the outside shoulder seam.

## ALL SOLDIERS

Center marksmanship badges on the pocket flap 1/8 inch (males) below the seam and 1/4 inch below the ribbons (females). If more than one badge is worn, space them 1 inch apart. When special skill badges are worn place them to the right of marksmanship badges.

## ALL ENLISTED

Center service stripes on the outside of the left sleeve 4 inches from the bottom. Place the service stripe at a 45-degree angle with the lower end toward the inside seam of the sleeve.

## ALL SOLDIERS

The front crease of the slacks or trousers will reach the top of the instep and be cut on a diagonal line to reach a point approximately midway between the top of the heel and the top of the standard shoe in the back. The slacks or trousers may have a slight break in the front.

The moisture wicking tan t-shirt or cotton t-shirt is worn underneath the coat and is tucked inside the trousers at all times.

Army chaplaincy religious denomination pin on insignia is the only branch insignia authorized on the ACU. It is worn 1/8 inch above and centered on the nametape.

The U.S. flag insignia is worn on the right shoulder pocket flap of the ACU coat.

The former wartime service shoulder sleeve insignia is centered on the hook and loop-faced pad on the right sleeve of the ACU coat.

Name and U.S. Army tapes are 5 inches long and are worn immediately above and parallel with the top of the slanted chest pocket flaps. The background can be either olive green or the universal camouflage pattern.

A maximum of two pin-on identification badges may be worn centered on the ACU coat pockets.

The embroidered rank insignia is 2 inches high and 1 3/4 inches wide, and worn centered on the front hook and loop-face pad of the ACU coat for all ranks. The background of the rank insignia can be either olive green or the universal camouflage pattern. The rank insignia background will match the background of the name and U.S. Army tapes.

Army combat boots are made of tan rough side out cattlehide leather with a plain toe and tan rubber outsoles. The boots are laced diagonally with tan laces, with the excess lace tucked into the top of the boot under the bloused trousers, or wrapped around the top of the boot. Metal cleats and side tabs, and sewn-in or laced-in zipper inserts are not authorized.

Skill badges will be worn in order of precedence 1/8 inch above and centered on the U.S. Army tape. Two badges require a 1/4 inch space between them. Up to five badges may be worn with the first four in two rows of two and the fifth on top.

Skill tabs will be placed centered on the shoulder pocket flap on the left shoulder of the ACU coat in order of precedence with a maximum of three worn at one time. There are only four authorized skill tabs (President's Hundred, Special Forces, Ranger, and Sapper).

Units that are part of unit organizational patches such as the airborne or mountain tabs, are worn with the shoulder sleeve insignia below the shoulder pocket flap.

Shoulder sleeve insignia is centered on the hook and loop-faced pad on the left sleeve of the ACU coat.

The coat is normally worn outside the trousers, and the trousers are worn with a belt. The coat will not extend below the top of the cargo pocket on the trousers and will not be higher than the bottom of the side pocket on the trousers.

Sleeves will be worn down at all times, and not rolled or cuffed.

The knee pouch for internal knee-pad inserts and the bellowed calf storage pocket on the left and right legs will be worn closed at all times.

The trousers will be tucked into the top of the boots or bloused using the draw string at the bottom of the trousers or by using commercial blousing devices. They should not extend below the third eyelet from the top of the boot.

The Army uniform is authorized for year-round wear. This poster is a guide and does not include every accessory available for wear on the uniform. For a more detailed discussion of proper wear of the uniform and accessories, consult Army Regulation 670-1 or visit the Uniform Policy Web site at [www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/uniform.asp](http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/uniform.asp).

## The Army Combat Uniform

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[www.army.mil/soldiers](http://www.army.mil/soldiers)

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# January 2007 Ribbons

## Order of Precedence

### Right Side



Presidential Unit Citation



Joint Meritorious Unit Award



Valorous Unit Award



Meritorious Unit Commendation



Army Superior Unit Award



Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation



Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation



Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation

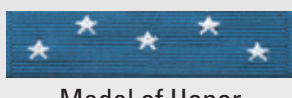


Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation

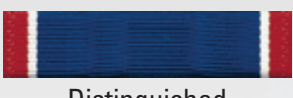


Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation

### Left Side



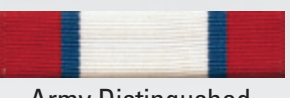
Medal of Honor



Distinguished Service Cross



Defense Distinguished Service Medal



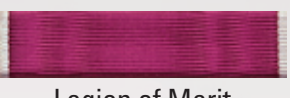
Army Distinguished Service Medal



Silver Star



Distinguished Superior Service Medal



Legion of Merit



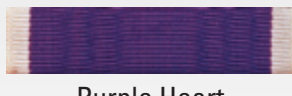
Distinguished Flying Cross



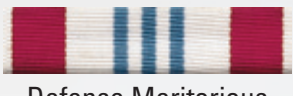
Soldier's Medal



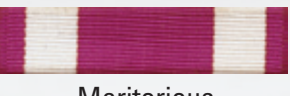
Bronze Star Medal



Purple Heart



Defense Meritorious Service Medal



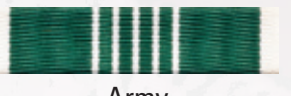
Meritorious Service Medal



Air Medal



Joint Service Commendation Medal



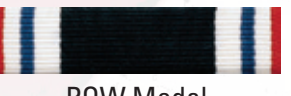
Army Commendation Medal



Joint Service Achievement Medal



Army Achievement Medal



POW Medal



Good Conduct Medal



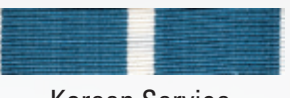
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal



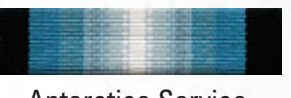
Army of Occupation Medal



National Defense Service Medal



Korean Service Medal



Antarctica Service Medal



Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal



Vietnam Service Medal



Southwest Asia Service Medal



Kosovo Campaign Medal



Afghanistan Campaign Medal



Iraq Campaign Medal



Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal



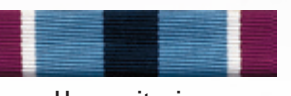
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal



Korean Defense Service Medal



Armed Forces Service Medal



Humanitarian Service Medal



Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal



Army Sea Duty Medal



Armed Forces Reserve Medal



NCO Professional Development Ribbon



Army Service Ribbon



Overseas Service Ribbon



Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon



United Nations Service Medal



Inter-American Defense Board Medal



United Nations Medal



NATO Medal



Multinational Force and Observers Medal



Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal



Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)



Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait)



Republic of Korea War Service Medal



United Nations Observer Group in India and Pakistan



United Nations Protection Force in Yugoslavia



United Nations Security Forces, Hollandia



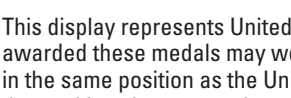
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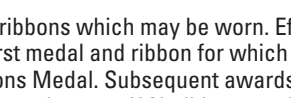
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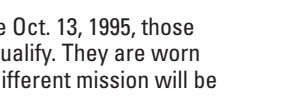
United Nations Iraq/Kuwait Observation Group



United Nations Advanced Mission in Cambodia



United Nations Mission in Haiti



United Nations Operation in Somalia

This display represents United Nations ribbons which may be worn. Effective Oct. 13, 1995, those awarded these medals may wear the first medal and ribbon for which they qualify. They are worn in the same position as the United Nations Medal. Subsequent awards in a different mission will be denoted by a bronze service star. Not more than one U.N. ribbon may be worn.

# Badges

## Qualification, Marksmanship and Identification Badges



Combat Infantry Badge



Combat Medical



Master Flight Surgeon



Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal



Pathfinder



Master Diver



Driver and Mechanic



Presidential Service



Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention (master)



Expert Infantry Badge



Expert Field Medical



Senior Flight Surgeon



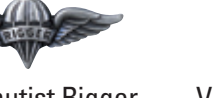
Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal



Freefall Badge



First Class Diver



Parachutist Rigger



Vice-Presidential Service



Drill Sergeant



Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention (senior)



Combat Action Badge



Army Astronaut Device



Flight Surgeon



Explosive Ordnance Disposal



Air Assault



Second Class Diver



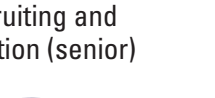
Expert



Secretary of Defense



U.S. Army Recruiter (gold)



Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention (basic)



Master Army Aviator



Master Aviation



Master Parachutist



Salvage Diver



Sharpshooter



Joint Chiefs of Staff



U.S. Army Recruiter (silver)



Senior Army Aviator



Senior Aviation



Senior Parachutist



Scuba Diver



Marksman



Army Staff



Career Counselor



Army Aviator



Aviation



Parachutist



President's Hundred Tab



Special Forces Tab



Ranger Tab



Sapper Tab

Tab and badges shown are not all-inclusive. See AR 670-1 for order of precedence and placement on uniform.

**NOTE:** Badges, devices & ribbons are not shown to scale.

# Devices



"M" Device



"V" (valor) Device



Silver Service Star



Bronze Service Star



Antarctica Disk



Bronze Arrowhead



Silver Oak Leaf Cluster



Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster



Bronze, Silver & Gold Ten Year Devices



Bronze, Silver & Gold Sea Duty Devices



Bronze Arabic Numeral



Palm



Date Bar



Good Conduct Medal Clasp

# Beret Wear & Army Service Uniform



- The Beret is Worn with Class A, Class B and Class C Uniforms.
- Edge binding 1 inch above eyebrows and straight across forehead. Center the flash and the stiffener above the left eye. Pull excess material down between the top and middle of right ear.
- Hair should not extend below the front bottom edge of the beret.
- Officers wear their rank centered on the flash. Enlisted soldiers wear their distinctive unit insignia centered on the flash.



- Tuck adjusting knot inside edge binding.
- Hair may not be packed into the beret.
- Form-fitting across the head.
- Edge binding straight across.



ARMY BLUE as a uniform color traces its origins to the National Blue first worn by Soldiers in the Continental Army of 1779, and it continued to serve as the color for Army dress uniforms even after introduction of the olive drab field service uniform in 1902.

Now the Army is returning to one, blue, Army Service Uniform. This reduction of the number of uniforms will reduce the burden on Soldiers for purchase and alteration costs.

The new uniform will include a gold braid on the trousers for sergeants and above, and the service cap will be authorized for wear by NCOs as well as officers.

Clothing sales stores should begin carrying the new uniforms in the fourth quarter of FY 2007, with a mandatory possession date scheduled for the fourth quarter of FY 2011.

Information about the blue Army Service Uniform and its composition is available at [www.army.mil/symbols/uniforms](http://www.army.mil/symbols/uniforms).

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